

37 CFR 1.121(c) LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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PRESENTATION OF THE CLAIM TEXT-37CFR 1,121(c):

Claim 1-3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4. (Currently Amended)

4. A gripper particularly adapted to hold a fish upright while a hook is being extracted from the fish's digestive system, said gripper comprising:

a first member having an outer handle portion connecting with an upper jaw portion with said upper jaw portion having an open space defined in part by spaced apart sidewalls having abrasive bottom edges,

a second member having an inner handle portion connecting with a lower jaw portion with said lower jaw portion pivotally carried in said upper jaw portion open space, and

a swivel element pivotally carried by said lower jaw portion, said swivel element formed with a top wall having an abrasive top surface and a bottom surface prepared to mate with said lower jaw portion,

said upper jaw portion sidewalls being divided respectively into lower leg segments and offset upper leg segments with said upper leg segments having radiused outer ends and top edges connected by a top wall, and

~~as defined by Claim 3 and further characterized by;~~

said upper jaw abrasive bottom edges including sets of tooth serrations with a first outermost tooth serration being inwardly offset from an outer bottom edge of said upper jaw portion top wall,

wherein for use said gripper upper jaw portion may be inserted into a mouth of said fish  
and said lower jaw portion positioned next to a lower jaw of said fish and then said handle  
portions squeezed together so that said upper jaw portion abrasive bottom edges and said swivel  
element abrasive top surface engage said fish's lower jaw in a manner that minimizes injury to said  
fish and wherein upon said swivel element being rotated fully counterclockwise, a front edge of  
 said swivel element remains free from forming an interference fit with said upper jaw tooth  
 serrations upon contact between said swivel element front edge and said sidewall bottom edges of  
 said upper jaw portion.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended)

5. A gripper as defined by Claim [[1]] 4 and further characterized by,  
 said second member lower jaw portion formed with an offset, and  
 said swivel element top wall having a bottom surface formed with an offset prepared to  
 mate with and form an interlocking fit with said lower jaw portion offset,  
 wherein said interlocking fit between said offsets inhibits independent movement of said  
 swivel element upon engagement of said swivel element with said lower jaw of said fish.

Claim 6 (Original)

6. A gripper as defined by Claim 5 and further characterized by,  
 said first member handle portion and said second member defined in part by a peripheral  
 flange extending about a central web.

Claim 7 (Original)

7. A gripper as defined by Claim 6 and further characterized by,

said peripheral flange extending about said web of said second member being divided into a wide segment positioned about said web of said inner handle portion and a narrow segment positioned about said web of said lower jaw portion, and

said flange narrow segment being divided into a lower section and an upper section, said upper section having a first part and a second part connected by an enlarged part with said first part being flat, said second part being angularly offset and positioned below said first part, and said enlarged part defining said lower jaw portion offset and having an opening to loosely carry a pivot pin forming in part said pivot connection between said lower jaw portion and said swivel element.

Claim 8. (Original)

8. A gripper as defined by Claim 6 and further characterized by,

said web of said lower jaw portion formed with a boss extending outward from said web with respective end surfaces of said boss aligning with edges of a narrow segment of said peripheral flange, and an opening through said boss carrying a pivot pin forming in part said first member-second member pivot connection.

Claim 9. (Original)

9. A gripper as defined by Claim 6 and further characterized by,

said web of said inner member handle portion having a hole, and

a loop-shaped strap carried in said hole.

Claim 10. (Original):

10. A gripper as defined by Claim 7 and further characterized by,  
said swivel element having sidewalls fitting loosely over said upper section of said lower jaw portion flange with an inner end of said swivel element top wall being offset from inner ends of said swivel element sidewalls to form a space prepared to receive said second part of said lower jaw portion flange upper section upon counterclockwise rotation of said swivel element, and said swivel element top wall bottom surface having an outer flat part prepared to mate with said first part of said lower jaw flange upper section upon clockwise rotation of said swivel element.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended):

11. A gripper for holding a fish upright by its lower jaw to facilitate removal of a fishhook from a mouth of said fish, said gripper comprising:

a first member having an outer handle portion integrally joined to an upper jaw portion with said upper jaw portion having sidewalls spaced apart to form an open space, and upper leg segments of said sidewalls having bottom edges formed with respective sets of tooth serrations,

a second member having ~~an~~ a peripheral flange extending about a central web to define an inner handle portion integrally joined to a lower jaw portion, said peripheral flange having a wide segment extending about said inner handle portion and a narrow segment extending about said lower jaw portion, said flange narrow segment including an upper section having a first flat part and a second flat part connected by an enlarged part forming an offset that positions said flange

second flat part below said flange first flat part, and said second member disposed in said upper jaw portion open space and pivotally joined to said first member by a pin carried by said upper jaw portion sidewalls and said second member lower jaw portion, and

a swivel element having a sled-like body comprising sidewalls connected by a top wall with an inner end of the top wall being offset from inner ends of the sidewalls to form a space, said top wall having a top surface formed with a set of tooth serrations and having a bottom surface formed with a flat outer part and an angularly positioned flat inner part connected by a Z-like shaped offset, said swivel element disposed on said lower jaw portion with said lower jaw portion positioned between said swivel element sidewalls and said swivel element being pivotally attached

to said lower jaw portion by a pin extending through an opening in each said swivel element sidewalls and loosely through an opening in said lower jaw portion flange enlarged part,

wherein upon rotation of said swivel element to a position that aligns said swivel element tooth serrations with said upper jaw portion tooth serrations, said swivel element bottom surface flat outer part mates with said lower jaw portion flange first flat part and said swivel element bottom surface offset mates with said lower jaw portion flange offset to form an interlocking fit that inhibits relative downward movement of said swivel element when said sets of tooth serrations engage said fish's lower jaw so that a fisherman using said gripper to hold a fish upright may remove a hook from said fish's mouth.

Claim 12. (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (New)

13. A gripper particularly adapted for use by a fisherman to hold a fish as said fisherman extracts a hook from a mouth of said fish for subsequent release of said fish, said gripper comprising:

a first member having an outer handle portion joined to an upper jaw portion, said upper jaw portion defined by spaced apart, L-like shaped sidewalls, said sidewalls including upper leg segments having abrasive bottom edges and being connected by a top wall to form a space,

a second member defined by an inner handle portion joined to a lower jaw portion, said second member lower jaw portion positioned between and pivotally joined to said sidewalls of said first member upper jaw portion sidewall lower segments, and

a swivel element pivotally carried by said second member lower jaw portion, said swivel element formed with a top wall having an abrasive top surface and a bottom surface having inner and outer parts prepared to engage said second member lower jaw portion to limit rotation of said swivel element,

wherein, as said gripper upper and lower jaw portions compressively engage said fish lower jaw, said space between said first member upper jaw portion sidewalls upper segments accommodates teeth of said fish lower jaw so that contact between said gripper upper jaw and said teeth of said fish is limited to contact with said abrasive bottom edges of said upper jaw portion sidewall upper segments resulting in minimal damage to said fish lower jaw teeth so that said fish upon release by said fisherman may feed and continue to grow.

Claim 14 (New):

14. (New) A gripper as defined by Claim 13 and further characterized by,

said second member lower jaw portion having spaced first and second parts connected by an offset to position said second part below said first part with said offset formed with an opening for a loose disposition of a pivot pin defining said pivot connection between said swivel element and said lower jaw portion, and

said bottom surface of said swivel element top wall having outer and inner parts connected by an offset prepared to complementarily seat against said lower jaw portion offset, and said swivel element top wall having an inner end formed with a space to accommodate said lower jaw portion second part upon rotation of said swivel element in a first direction,

wherein gravity induced linear movement of said swivel element with respect to said lower jaw of said gripper is limited by interlocking between said offsets to relieve stress on said pivot pin, and said swivel element inner end space and said lower position of said lower jaw portion second part facilitates increased rotation of said swivel element.